



Develop State/NOAA Coordination

Two initial steps necessary to begin to develop an effective coordination process between the States and NOAA were identified.

The first step was to define the points of contact between the States and NOAA. It was agreed that these would be the Warning Coordination Meteorologists (WCM) at the coastal National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Offices and a coordinator for each county to be designated by each State. Dick Hagemeyer will collect the name, address (mail and Internet), telephone number, and fax number for each WCM and provide these to the States. (This has begun). The individual states will identify the county coordinators and supply these to Dick Hagemeyer.

The second step is for NOAA to provide training on tsunamis and their hazards to the WCMs. Funds for this activity are being requested and it is hoped that the training at the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center can be completed by early summer.